

HOUSE BILL 721

By DuBois

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-18-302 and Section 55-10-307, relative to certain municipal courts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-18-302(a)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(2) A municipal court also possesses jurisdiction to enforce any municipal law or ordinance that mirrors, substantially duplicates or incorporates by cross-reference the language of a state criminal statute, if and only if:

(A) The maximum penalty prescribed by state law for the state criminal offense is a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or less, or confinement for a period of thirty (30) days or less, or both; and

(B) The maximum penalty prescribed by municipal law or ordinance for the violation is a civil fine not in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.